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SUBJECT: RESIGNATION OF SECURITY ASSISTANT (POSITION 216)

1. AS EMBASSY PREDICTED AFTER DEPARTMENT DECISION TO WITHDRAW RSO AND SECRETARY POSITION, SECURITY PROGRAMS AT POST HAVE FALLEN INTO A GENTLY DECLINE WITHOUT THE DIRECT SUPERVISION BY AN AMERICAN SECURITY OFFICER. THIS DECLINE NOW STEEPENS WITH THE RESIGNATION OF THE ONLY FSLE WHO RECEIVED TRAINING UNDER A RSO. SECURITY ASSISTANT FOUND EXCELLENT POSITION WITH AMERICAN COMPANY IN UNITED ARAB EMIRATES WHICH NOT ONLY INCREASES SALARY BEYOND ANY HOPE OF MATCHING LOCALLY, BUT ALSO INCLUDES COMPLETELY FURNISHED QUARTERS FOR HIMSELF AND FAMILY.

2. AFTER DEPARTURE OF RSO IN AUGUST FSLE, WITH SOME SUPERVISION BY PSO AND NOCIC KEPT FOLLOWING PROGRAMS ALIVE:

A) SUPERVISED, HIRED AND FIRED, AND MADE NIGHT CHECKS ON A CIVILIAN GUARD FORCE FOR CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE GROUNDS WHICH TOTALLED THIRTY CIVILIAN GUARDS MANNING FIVE POSTS,

B) SUPERVISED, MADE ROUTINE NIGHT CHECKS, AND KEPT LIAISON WITH YEMENI MILITARY AUTHORITIES FOR FOURTEEN MILITARY GUARDS WHICH WERE INITIALLY REQUESTED BY AMERICAN EMBASSY IN 1973,

C) WITH MINIMUM SUPERVISION FROM NCOIC (PSO LOCATED IN BUILDING IN ANOTHER COMPOUND) KEPT TRACK OF AMBASSADOR'S BODY GUARD DETAIL (FIVE MILITARY PERSONS),

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D) AGAIN WITH MINIMUM SUPERVISION FROM NCOIC FOR SAME REASON AS POINTED OUT IN (C) KEPT A WATCHFUL EYE ON FOLLOW-CAR DETAIL AND AMBASSADOR'S DRIVER, AND

E) FINALLY ASSISTED IN CONDUCTING OF SECURITY INTERVIEWS FOR PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE MISSION AND THE FINGER-PRINTING OF THE SAME.

3. WITH THE DEPARTURE OF THE LAST RSO TRAINED LOCAL EMPLOYEE THE EMBASSY MUST NOW FACE THE INEVITABLE AND BEGIN SCALING DOWN ON THE PROGRAMS SO ABLY INITIATED AND KEPT OPERATTIONAL WHEN POST HAD RSO WHO COULD DEVOTE FULL TIME TO SECURITY MATTERS AND ALSO AN ABLE YEMENI ASSISTANT TO ASSIT IN LIAISON WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND ALSO ACT AS INTERPRETOR WHEN NECESSARY.

4. REQUEST RSO JIDDA TO COME TO POST ASAP TO MAKE NEW SURVEY IN LIGHT OF ABOVE INFORMATION. PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT POST DOWS NOT FEEL THAT RELAXATION OF PREVIOUS EXCELLENT SECURITY MEASURES IS THE BEST ANSWER. WITH THE LACK OF TRAINED AND DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN AND LOCAL PERSONNEL IT IS NOW IMPOSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN THE HIGH STANDARDS ONCE HELD BY THIS EMBASSY.
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